(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) , OIG DoD b6 b7c b6 b7c NAVIG, b6 @navy.mil] From: Friday, April 03, 2009 11:36 AM Sent: CNIC HQ; (6)(6), (6)(7)(C) OIG DoD To: b6 b7c Cc: NAVINSGEN: CIV b6 b7c 2 b./C b6 b7c RE: Monroe County is filing a resolution to stop Hornet Operations at NAS Key West- (FOUO) Subject: @navy.mil Signed By: b6 DoD Hotline, has formally closed the case and the allegation was unsubstantiated. I want to thank DoDIG, USFF and your staff for assisting us in resolving this matter. Enjoy your weekend. V/r b6 b7c 2**02-**b6 b7c DSN (288) b6 b7c mavy.mil ----Original Message----From: b6 b7c CNIC HO 2009 6:32 Sent: Friday, April 03 To: b6 b7c b7c NAVIG CNIC HQ, b6 b6 b7c b6 b7c b6 b7c AAUSN-NAVIG Cc: Subject: RE: Monroe County is filing a resolution to stop Hornet Operations at NAS Key West- (FOUO) - any word as yet? Thanks for your continued efforts on our behalf. This continues to be a critical issue for CNRSE/Key West. By way of update, D6 b7c CNRSE D6, has managed to resolve the issues related to the NAVAUDSVC "interim" audit report - Auditor General has engaged and clarified that the Monroe County Officials had been misinterpreting the purposes/scope of their audit and have corrected that misinformation via CHINFO. Any assistance is greatly appreciated! V/r, be Office of the Inspector General Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) DSN b6 Work: bē Cell: Fax: b6 https://cnicgateway.cnic.navy.mil/HQ/N00SA/IG/default.aspx -OFFICIAL USE ONLY - PRIVACY SENSITIVE Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure may result in both civil and criminal penalties ----Original Message----From: b6 b70 NAVIG, b6 2009 2:52 PM Friday, March 27 Sent: To: b6 b7c Cc: b6 b7c 6 b7c

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Subject: RE: Monroe County is filing a resolution to stop Hornet Operations at NAS Key West- (FOUO)

No answer!! We will continue to push.

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 14:46
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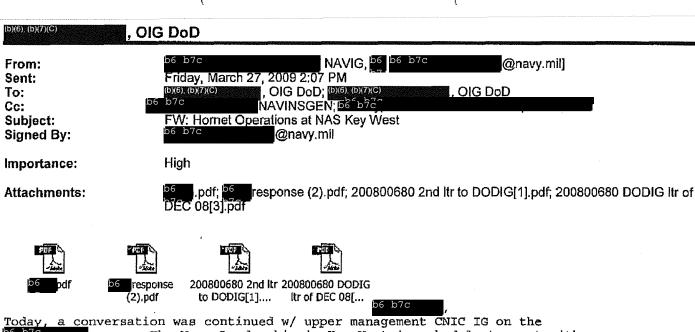
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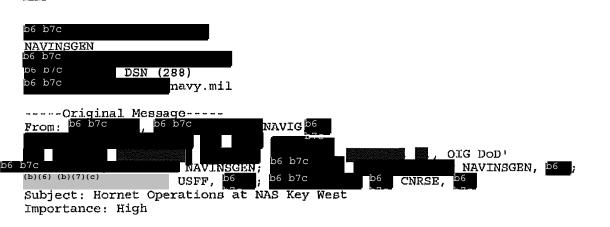
regarding the Key West issues? V/r, b6

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Today, a conversation was continued w/ upper management CNIC IG on the bearing case. The Navy Leadership in Key West is schedule to meet with County Commissioners on 31 March to discuss Hornet operations. It is critical to understand DoD IG position on this case prior to the County Commissioners in Key West. Thank you and enjoy your weekend.



(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

This is in further response to the 1 DEC 2008 memorandum from your office regarding NAS Key West.

Previously we discussed the DODIG tasking (case # 105900) concerning the 2003 Key West Environmental Assessment (EA). As reported, the NAVINSGEN inquiry did NOT seek to verify the validity of the EA study itself. Rather, the NAVINSGEN inquiry focused solely on an allegation that the EA study was "altered." The inquiry did not substantiate the allegation. This was explained in greater detailed in the Deputy's memo to your office - see 200800680 2nd ltr to DODIG[1].pfd."

You requested a copy of the letter signed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Installations and Environment (ASN(I&E)) concerning the 2003 EA study. Please see attached - "Penn.pdf." The letter states the Navy reached a Finding of No Significant Impact which addressed off-base noise exposure from aircraft operating at NAS Key West.

Your office's 1 DEC 08 memo indicated that our HCR "did not instill an

adequate level of confidence that the proper technical authority was consulted, and subject matter expert concurrence was established." This office does not concur on this point. We note that the ASN(I&E) senior level review as reflected in the 12 DEC 2007 attached letter is the highest level of review on such issue within the DON.

Please let us know if you have any further questions.



(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) OIG DoD b6 b7c @navy.mil] From: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 1:54 PM Sent: , OIG DoD; b6 b7c NAVIG, b6 To: NAVINSGEN, b6 L Cc: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION Subject: Signed By: Confidential Sensitivity:

All,

Below please find a list of the acronyms:

FONSI: Finding of No Significant Impacts: A document in which the Navy briefly presents reasons why an action will not have significant environmental effects and for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

USFF: U.S. Fleet Forces (in 2003 known as Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet)

N46: Shore Activities Readiness EA: Environmental Assessment

NEPA: National Environmental Policy Act

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like a set of "environmental eyes" to review any wording to ensure it is accurate.

I also realized I left the word "not" out of my below sentence which should have read, "If DoD IG is looking to provide the complainant guidance on how to further address his allegation that the 2003 EA does not comply with NEPA, recommend DoD IG simply state the findings of the inquiry and make no mention of further redress."



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Cc: b6 b7c USFF, b6 ; b6 b7c b6 NAVINSGEN, b6 Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

Importance: High

Sensitivity: Confidential

Splendid!

Let me digest this, and re-arrange features for presentation. This should be more palatable for all concerned...response may not be forthcoming this week.

R/

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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2009 1:05 PM

To: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) . , OIG DOD Cc: b6 b7c

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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Below is our response to your question. Please call as if you have any questions.

1) "We need NAVINSGEN to identify who the proper authority is to address alleged non-compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act."

Response: The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) Installations and Environment (I&E) delegated signature authority for FONSIs to USFF. The 2003 EA was reviewed by USFF legal and signed by USFF N46. No further agency review is required. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has no statutory or regulatory role in reviewing EAs, they review only Environmental Impact Statements. The legal sufficiency of the EA would only be adjudicated in the context of a final agency decision under the Administrative Procedures Act.

* If DOD IG is looking to provide the complainant guidance on how to further address his allegation that the 2003 EA does comply with NEPA, recommend DoD IG simply state the findings of the inquiry and make no mention of further redress. It would be inappropriate to encourage him to sue the Navy.



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Per our conversations, recommend response to question by DoD IG as follows:

1) (b)(5

(b)(5) * (p)(2) Thanks. From: b6 b7c , b6 b7c USFF, b6 Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 17:42 To: b6 b7c Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION Sensitivity: Confidential FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE CONSULT COUNSEL BEFORE TRANSMITTING THIS DOCUMENT TO PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE PROJECT TEAM b6 b7c USFF, as coordinated with N45 and ASN, recommends the legal analysis provided to DoD IG be as follows: (b)(5)

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If there are any other questions on the Key West EA, please direct them to USFF.

r/ Kris

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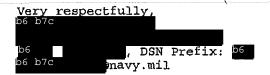
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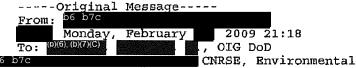
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My $^{b6\ b7c}$, $^{b6\ b7c}$, and I will review the legal conclusion above and forward you any other legal authorities that may assist your office in resolving this matter. We will also review the language previously proposed for a statement for your public affairs office.

Vr, b6

From: (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) , OIG DoD Sent: Mon 2/23/2009 4:30 PM To: 66 b7c CNRSE, 66

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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- 2) a. We will need to coordinate with the Office of General Counsel (OGC) to review our Hotline Completion Report for adequacy and sufficiency in our response, versus what the Navy wants to say in the press release. We desire to speak with one voice. Please forward information on the Release particulars or language of the final draft of the Press Release.
- 2) b. Additional time will be needed to Coordinate with our be , regarding the press release.

That's where we stand at present. Anything you can offer, do, present, will be greatly appreciated.

R/

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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From: b6 b7c CNRSE, b6 [mailto:b6 b7c navy.mil]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 4:18 PM

To: DMG. (DMG.) OIG DOD
Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

Sensitivity: Confidential

Sir, Installation asked if there had been any progress, and I told them I would e-mail you to see if there were any unforeseen delays or if we will be able to release a statement on this issue in the very near future. Please advise. Vr. b6

----Original Message----

From: (b)(6) (b)(7)(G) , OIG DoD [mailtc(b)(6) (b)(7)(G) Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 7:51 To: b6 b7c CNRSE, b6 DODIG.MIL]

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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Perfect (cc). This should push through quickly. Good fortune w/ this endeavor.

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----Original Message----1, b6 b7c From: b6 CNRSE, b6 Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 21:18 To: (b)(6) (b)(7)(C) (b) Cc: b6 b7c , OIG DoD

CNRSE, Environmental

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2009 7:41 AM

To: (b)(6)(b)(7)(C) , OIG DoD; b6 b7c , b6 b7c N6

CC: (b)(6)(b)(7) , OIG DoD; b6 CNRSE b6

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION Sensitivity: Confidential

Sir, Understood. We will not release any information without your approval as to timing and content. But we appreciate your efforts to bring this issue to resolution quickly so the Navy may respond to political attacks based on the existence of this inquiry. Vr,

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From: (b)(6),(b)(7)(C) , OIG DoD [mailtd(b)(6),(b)(7)(C) , D6 b7c , D6 b7c , D6 b7c , CNRSE, D6 ; , OIG DoD , OIG D

The case is pending final review by upper...response w/b forthcoming by afternoon (barring unseen delays).

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Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 4:56 PM

To: b6 b7c al; b6 b7c

CC: b6 b7c al; b6 b7c al; b7c al; b7c b6 b7c al;

Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

Thanks be brown. Appreciate you moving the ball along, and helping DoD reach resolution on this issue.

Now that DoD has apparently closed this case, can we say publicly state that: "DoD has looked into the allegation that the 2003 Key West EA was fraudulently altered and found no evidence to suggest alteration of the EA."

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Very respectfully,
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Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

Thank you for the dialog this morning. Would you please provide us a summary on what the away ahead?

From my point of view, this case is closed.

V/r
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Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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Found out today from the installation that they will be working to respond back to the County Commission this week on why the IG "investigation" into the KW EA should not prevent them from entering into a Joint Land Use Study with the Navy. Any assistance on an interim IG response on the status of the inquiry would be most appreciated.

Vr, b6

From: b6 b7c
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2009 13:29

To: 66 b7c CNRSE, 66 Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

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I need to do some checking on where we stand, as b6 b7c is TAD this week.

R/b6

From: b6 b7c CNRSE, b6
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 18:05
To: b6 b7c
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Cc: b6 b7c
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Subject: RE: RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO PUBLIC ON KEY WEST EA INVESTIGATION

Gentlemen: Any updates on a releasable statement regarding the status of the collective IG inquiry? Please see attached recent correspondence.

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- 2. I know be both has been in touch with DODIG, and will let him provide you with his knowledge of the status of current NAVINSGEN investigation and other agency investigations and what, if anything, is available for release.
- 3. Assume you already have done so but, just in case, suggest you get your PAO involved in the release of any statement.

Hope this helps. Please don't hesitate to call.

; FAX: b6

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Special Assistant for Legal and Legislative Matters Office of the Naval Inspector General

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Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 16:12
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Region SE

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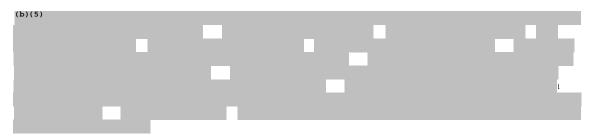
Gentlemen,

I appreciate your efforts to assist NAS Key West answer a specific comment by the Monroe County (includes Key West) Commissioner today that we cannot move forward with a Joint Land Use Study to address encroachment issues here because there is an open investigation on the 2003 Key West EA. Attached is the complainant's e-mail to the Monroe County Commission in advance of today's Commission meeting.

Not being able to respond to baseless allegations is hampering our ability to communicate effectively with the local community on issues critical to Navy and Joint operations at Key West.

We understand that a complaint was made to GAO IG, stating that the 2003 Key West EA was fraudulent and outdated noise modeling software was used, and this complaint was passed to DoD IG. It is also our understanding that the part of the complaint alleging a fraudulent EA was answered by Navy IG and sent back to DoD IG, who is not yet satisfied with the Navy's response.

Respectfully request release of the following statement:



(b)(5)

From a FOIA perspective, please note President Obama's new policy to release information whenever

possible (see attached summary of the new policy). We appreciate your assistance.

Vr, b6 b7c b6 b7c



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL 1264 9TH STREET SE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD DC 20374-5008

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5041/200800680 Ser ^{b6} / 0110 6 Feb 09

From: Naval Inspector General

To: Inspector General, Department of Defense, Assistant

Director, Defense Hotline

Subj: DOD HOTLINE COMPLAINT 105900 (200800680)

Ref: (a) Your 1tr of 1 Dec 08

(b) NAVINSGEN ltr 5041/200800680 Ser N68/1083 of 15 Sep 08

- 1. This is in response to reference (a), in which you advised us that the Hotline Completion Report forwarded in reference (b) did not fully address the issues presented by the complainant.
- 2. Although the complainant detailed many concerns regarding an Environmental Assessment for Fleet Support Infrastructure Improvements at Naval Air Station, Key West, this office focused only on the issue within the purview of the Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN); that is, the alleged altering of a document to give the appearance of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- 3. A preliminary inquiry was conducted on this case under Navy Case number 200800143, in response to your original information referral forwarded to NAVINSGEN in February 2008. The results of this inquiry forwarded to your office by reference (b) concluded there was no evidence to support the allegation and that no further investigative action was warranted. The inquiry provided additional details concerning a developer's interest in building a multi-million dollar project on Stock Island, Key West, which is believed to be the basis for the allegations of a flawed assessment. The case was closed without further action.
- 4. You later forwarded this same case to NAVINSGEN in May 2008, this time requesting that the case be changed to an action referral. Since the complaint at issue forwarded under this referral was essentially unchanged, we prepared our response, reference (b), reiterating our earlier findings that there was no evidence that the Environmental Assessment had been altered.

- 5. The issue of a complainant or a developer's perception that the Navy is not in compliance with NEPA or other environmental standards should be pursued through the appropriate agencies.
- 6. The NAVINSGEN maintains its position of concurrence with the preliminary inquiry and considers this case closed.

Deputy

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